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AN ACT

To repeal sections 301.441 and 301.448, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof ten new sections relating to special license plates.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 301.441 and 301.448, RSMo, are repealed and ten new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 301.441, 301.448, 301.450, 301.3060, 301.3085, 301.3090, 301.3105, 301.3107, 301.3116 and 301.4000, to read as follows:

301.441. Any person who is a retired member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard may apply for [issuance of special] **retired military** motor vehicle license plates for any [passenger motor vehicle subject to the registration fees provided in section 301.055, or for a nonlocal property-carrying] **motor vehicle the person owns, either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle** licensed [for a gross weight of nine thousand one pounds to twelve] **in excess of eighteen thousand pounds** [as provided in section 301.057, whether such vehicle is owned solely or jointly] **gross weight. There shall be no limit on the number of license plates any person qualified pursuant to this section may obtain so long as each set of license plates issued pursuant to this section is issued for a vehicle owned solely or jointly by such person.** No additional fee shall be charged for [a set of special] license plates issued pursuant to this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee shall be charged for the personalization of license plates issued pursuant to this section. Such person shall make application for the [special] license plates on a form provided by the director of revenue and

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

15 furnish such proof of retired status from that particular branch of the United States armed forces
16 as the director may require. The plates shall have a white background with a blue and red
17 configuration at the discretion of the advisory committee established in section 301.129. Such
18 plates shall bear the insignia of the respective branch the applicant served in. The director shall
19 then issue license plates bearing the words "RETIRED MILITARY" in preference to the words
20 "SHOW-ME STATE" in a form prescribed by the advisory committee established in section
21 301.129. Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material, shall be clearly visible
22 at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130.

301.448. Any person who has served and was honorably discharged or currently serves
2 in any branch of the United States armed forces or reserves, the United States Coast Guard or
3 reserve, the United States Merchant Marines or reserve or the Missouri national guard, or any
4 subdivision of any of such services or a member of the United States Marine Corps League may
5 apply for special motor vehicle license plates, either solely or jointly, for issuance either to
6 passenger motor vehicles subject to the registration fees provided in section 301.055, or to
7 nonlocal property-carrying commercial motor vehicles licensed for a gross weight of six
8 thousand pounds up through and including twelve thousand pounds as provided in section
9 301.057. Any such person shall make application for the special license plates on a form
10 provided by the director of revenue and furnish such proof that such person is a member or
11 former member of any such branch of service as the director may require. Upon presentation of
12 the proof of eligibility and annual payment of the fee required for personalized license plates in
13 section 301.144, and other fees and documents which may be required by law, the department
14 shall issue personalized license plates which shall bear the seal, logo or emblem, along with a
15 word or words designating the branch or subdivision of such service for which the person
16 applies. All seals, logos, emblems or special symbols shall become an integral part of the license
17 plate; however, no plate shall contain more than one seal, logo, emblem or special symbol and
18 the design of such plates shall be approved by the advisory committee established in section
19 301.129 and by the branch or subdivision of such service or the Marine Corps League prior to
20 issuing such plates. The plates shall have a white background with a blue and red configuration
21 at the discretion of the advisory committee established in section 301.129. The bidding process
22 used to select a vendor for the material to manufacture the license plates authorized by this
23 section shall consider the aesthetic appearance of the plate. The director of revenue shall make
24 necessary rules and regulations for the enforcement of this section, and shall design all necessary
25 forms. [The director of revenue shall not authorize the manufacture of the material to produce
26 such license plates with the individual seal, logo, or emblem until such time he has received one
27 hundred applications for such plates for each branch or subdivision of such service. License
28 plates indicating army reserve, naval reserve, air force reserve, marine corps reserve, coast guard

29 reserve, issued prior to January 1, 1994, will still be in full force and effect until such time the
30 one hundred minimum applications for such branch of service is met.] All license plates issued
31 under this provision must be renewed in accordance with law. License plates issued under the
32 provisions of this section shall not be transferable to any other person, except that any registered
33 co-owner of the motor vehicle shall be entitled to operate the motor vehicle for the duration of
34 the year licensed, in the event of the death of the qualified applicant.

**301.450. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section to the contrary, any
2 surviving spouse who was married to an individual who would have been eligible to own
3 any of the various special military license plates provided for in section 301.448, and who
4 has not remarried, shall be allowed to obtain such special license plates. The surviving
5 spouse shall make application, provide necessary documentation of the individual's
6 military service, and pay such fees as are otherwise required by section 301.448, for
7 issuance of the special military plates. Such plates must be renewed as otherwise required
8 by law. The surviving spouse may renew such plates unless such spouse remarries.
9 License plates issued pursuant to this section shall not be transferable to any other person.**

**10 2. The director of the department of revenue shall have the authority to promulgate
11 any rules and regulations necessary for the administration of this section. No rule or
12 portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become
13 effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo.**

**301.3060. 1. Any person who is a member of the Civil Air Patrol may, after an
2 annual payment of an emblem-use authorization fee to the Civil Air Patrol as provided in
3 subsection 2 of this section, apply for Civil Air Patrol license plates for any motor vehicle
4 such person owns, either solely or jointly, for issuance either for a passenger motor vehicle
5 subject to the registration fees as provided in section 301.055 or for a local or nonlocal
6 property-carrying commercial motor vehicle licensed for a gross weight not in excess of
7 eighteen thousand pounds as provided in section 301.057 or 301.058. The Civil Air Patrol
8 hereby authorizes the use of its official emblem to be affixed on multiyear personalized
9 license plates as provided in this section.**

**10 2. Upon annual application and payment of a fifteen dollar emblem-use
11 contribution to the Civil Air Patrol, the Civil Air Patrol shall issue to the person, without
12 further charge, an emblem-use authorization statement which shall be presented by the
13 member to the department of revenue at the time of registration of a motor vehicle. Upon
14 presentation of the annual statement and payment of the fee required for personalized
15 license plates in section 301.144 and other fees and documents which may be required by
16 law, the department of revenue shall issue a personalized license plate, which shall bear the
17 emblem of the Civil Air Patrol in the left hand section of such license plate and the words**

18 **"CIVIL AIR PATROL" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE" to the person. The**
19 **emblem, seal or logo shall be reproduced on the license plate in as a clear and defined**
20 **manner as possible. If the emblem, seal or logo is unacceptable to the Civil Air Patrol, it**
21 **shall be the Civil Air Patrol's responsibility to furnish the artwork in a digitalized format.**
22 **Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme**
23 **and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as**
24 **prescribed by section 301.130.**

25 **3. A fee for the issuance of personalized license plates pursuant to section 301.144,**
26 **shall not be required for plates issued pursuant to this section. There shall be no limit on**
27 **the number of license plates any person qualified pursuant to this section may obtain so**
28 **long as each set of plates issued pursuant to this section is issued for vehicles owned solely**
29 **or jointly by such person. License plates issued pursuant to this section shall not be**
30 **transferable to any other person except that any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle**
31 **may operate the motor vehicle for the duration of the year licensed in the event of the death**
32 **of the qualified person.**

301.3085. Any person who has participated in active duty combat action while
2 **serving in the United States Marine Corps or the United States Navy may apply for special**
3 **motor vehicle license plates for any vehicle such person owns, either solely or jointly, other**
4 **than an apportioned motor vehicle licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross**
5 **weight. Any such person shall make application for the special license plates on a form**
6 **provided by the director of revenue and furnish such proof as a recipient of the combat**
7 **infantry badge as the director may require. The director shall then issue license plates**
8 **bearing the words "COMBAT ACTION RIBBON" in place of the words "SHOW-ME**
9 **STATE" in a form prescribed by the director, except that such license plates shall be made**
10 **with fully reflective material, shall have a white background with a blue and red**
11 **configuration at the discretion of the director, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be**
12 **aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. Such plates shall also bear an**
13 **image of a blue, yellow, and red ribbon. There shall be an additional fee charged for each**
14 **set of special combat action ribbon license plates issued equal to the fee charged for**
15 **personalized license plates in section 301.144. No more than one set of combat action**
16 **ribbon license plates shall be issued to a qualified applicant. License plates issued**
17 **pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not be transferable to any other person**
18 **except that any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle shall be entitled to operate the**
19 **motor vehicle with such plates for the duration of the year licensed in the event of the death**
20 **of the qualified person.**

301.3090. Any person who is serving on active duty in any branch of the United

2 States military, including the reserves or national guard, during any part of Operation
3 Enduring Freedom and has not been dishonorably discharged may receive special motor
4 vehicle license plates for any motor vehicle such person owns, either solely or jointly, other
5 than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of
6 eighteen thousand pounds gross weight. Any such person shall make application for the
7 special license plates on a form provided by the director of revenue and furnish such proof
8 of service during Operation Enduring Freedom or proof of status as an honorably
9 discharged veteran as the director may require. Upon presentation of the proof of
10 eligibility and annual payment of the fee required for personalized license plates prescribed
11 by section 301.144, and other fees and documents which may be required by law, the
12 director shall then issue license plates bearing letters or numbers or a combination thereof
13 as determined by the advisory committee established in section 301.129, with the words
14 "OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE".
15 Such plates shall also bear an image of the American flag. The plates shall be clearly
16 visible at night and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. No
17 more than one set of special license plates shall be issued pursuant to this section to a
18 qualified applicant. License plates issued pursuant to this section shall not be transferable
19 to any other person except that any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle may operate
20 the motor vehicle for the duration of the year licensed in the event of the death of the
21 qualified person.

301.3105. 1. Any member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars may receive special
2 license plates as prescribed by this section, for any motor vehicle such person owns, either
3 solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle
4 licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight, after an annual payment of
5 an emblem-use authorization fee to the Department of Missouri, Veterans of Foreign Wars
6 of which the person is a member. The Veterans of Foreign Wars hereby authorizes the use
7 of its official emblem to be affixed on multi-year personalized license plates as provided in
8 this section. Any contribution to the Veterans of Foreign Wars derived from this section,
9 except reasonable administrative costs, shall be used solely for the purposes of the
10 Department of Missouri, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Any member of the Veterans of
11 Foreign Wars may annually apply for the use of the emblem.

12 2. Upon annual application and payment of a twenty-five dollar emblem-use
13 contribution to the Department of Missouri, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the organization
14 shall issue to the vehicle owner, without further charge, an emblem-use authorization
15 statement, which shall be presented by the owner to the department of revenue at the time
16 of registration of a motor vehicle. Upon presentation of the annual statement, payment of

17 a fifteen dollar fee in addition to the registration fee and documents which may be required
18 by law, the department of revenue shall issue to the vehicle owner a personalized license
19 plate which shall bear the emblem of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Such license plates
20 shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall
21 be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section
22 301.130. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee shall be
23 charged for the personalization of license plates pursuant to this section.

24 3. A vehicle owner, who was previously issued a plate with the Veterans of Foreign
25 Wars emblem authorized by this section but who does not provide an emblem-use
26 authorization statement at a subsequent time of registration, shall be issued a new plate
27 which does not bear the Veterans of Foreign Wars emblem, as otherwise provided by law.
28 The director of revenue shall make necessary rules and regulations for the administration
29 of this section, and shall design all necessary forms required by this section. No rule or
30 portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become
31 effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo.

301.3107. 1. Any member of Missouri Task Force One may receive special license
2 plates as prescribed by this section, for any motor vehicle such person owns, either solely
3 or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed
4 in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight. Any member of Missouri Task Force
5 One may annually apply for such license plates.

6 2. Upon presentation of the appropriate proof of eligibility as determined by the
7 director and annual payment of a fifteen dollar fee in addition to the registration fee, and
8 other documents which may be required by law, the department of revenue shall issue to
9 the vehicle owner a personalized license plate which shall bear an appropriate
10 configuration to be determined by the director, with the words "MISSOURI TASK
11 FORCE ONE" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license plates shall be
12 made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be
13 clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section
14 301.130. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee shall be
15 charged for the personalization of license plates pursuant to this section.

16 3. No more than one set of license plates shall be issued pursuant to this section to
17 a qualified applicant. License plates issued pursuant to this section shall not be
18 transferable to any other person except that any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle
19 shall be entitled to operate the motor vehicle with such plates for the duration of the year
20 licensed in the event of the death of the qualified person. The director of revenue shall
21 make necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section, and shall

22 design all necessary forms required by this section. No rule or portion of a rule
23 promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has
24 been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo.

301.3116. Any person who is serving or has served in any branch of the United
2 States military, including the reserves or national guard, during any part of Operation
3 Noble Eagle and has not been dishonorably discharged may receive special motor vehicle
4 license plates for any motor vehicle such person owns, either solely or jointly, other than
5 an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of eighteen
6 thousand pounds gross weight. Any such person shall make application for the special
7 license plates on a form provided by the director of revenue and furnish such proof of
8 service during Operation Noble Eagle or proof of status as an honorably discharged
9 veteran as the director may require. Upon presentation of the proof of eligibility and
10 annual payment of the fee required for personalized license plates prescribed by section
11 301.144, and other fees and documents which may be required by law, the director shall
12 then issue license plates bearing letters or numbers or a combination thereof as determined
13 by the advisory committee established in section 301.129, with the words "OPERATION
14 NOBLE EAGLE" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such plates shall also bear
15 an image of the American flag. The plates shall be clearly visible at night and shall be
16 aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. No more than one set of special
17 license plates shall be issued pursuant to this section to a qualified applicant. License
18 plates issued pursuant to this section shall not be transferable to any other person except
19 that any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle may operate the motor vehicle for the
20 duration of the year licensed in the event of the death of the qualified person.

301.4000. Any person who served in the active military service in a branch of the
2 armed forces of the United States during a period of war and was honorably discharged
3 from such service may apply for special motorcycle license plates, either solely or jointly,
4 for issuance for any motorcycle subject to the registration fees provided in section 301.055.
5 Any such person shall make application for the special license plates on a form provided
6 by the director of revenue and furnish such proof of service in a foreign war and status as
7 an honorably discharged veteran as the director may require. Upon presentation of the
8 proof of eligibility and payment of a fifteen dollar fee in addition to the regulation
9 registration fees, and presentation of other documents which may be required by law, the
10 director shall then issue license plates bearing letters or numbers or a combination thereof
11 as determined by the director, with the words "U.S. VET" in place of the words "SHOW-
12 ME STATE". The plates shall be clearly visible at night and shall be aesthetically
13 attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. No more than one set of special license plates

14 shall be issued pursuant to this section to a qualified applicant. License plates issued
15 pursuant to this section shall not be transferable to any other person except that any
16 registered co-owner of the motorcycle may operate the motorcycle for the duration of the
17 year licensed in the event of the death of the qualified person.